

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor: Jackie McKinney

Councilors: Linda Garcia  
Allan Landavazo  
Yogash Kumar  
Cecil Garcia

Also present: George Kozeliski, City Attorney &  
Acting City Manager

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Commendation and a Certificate of Retirement to Harry Billy, Vehicle Shop Mechanic, honoring him for 25 years of service to the City.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2014.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Linda Garcia, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to move Discussion/Action Topic #18 to the top of the Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Linda Garcia, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

18. Acceptance of a Grant of Easement from Gallup Holding and Investments, Inc. to the City of Gallup for the Construction of a Walking and Biking Trail – George Kozeliski, City Attorney/Acting City Manager

Mr. Kozeliski said the proposed Grant of Easement has been presented to the Mayor and Councilors for their consideration during the past two regular meetings. Gallup Holding and Investments has offered the easement to be used for the City's trail system.

Councilor Kumar said residents of the Mossman area do not believe it is the proper time to construct the trail and therefore, recommended rejecting the proposed Grant of Easement.

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Councilor Landavazo said discussions about the proposed trail may have been unclear or misrepresented which has resulted in the apprehension of many residents. Although there have been pleas from residents to do something about the problems with illegal dumping, he also acknowledged the challenges faced by Mossman residents regarding problems with people migrating to their neighborhood once they leave the Gallup Detox Center. Due to the short distance of the proposed trail, he does not believe the trail will generate additional traffic to the Mossman neighborhood; however, he understands the concerns raised by the Mossman residents. If the proposed trail easement is rejected, he hopes the proposal is reconsidered in the future.

Due to the installation of fencing near Mossman Park, Councilor Cecil Garcia believes the inebriates will migrate further south toward the trail area as a short cut to the liquor establishments where they can purchase liquor at 7:00 a.m. If the proposed trail easement is rejected, he recommended a trail project for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) in the Mentmore area.

Councilor Linda Garcia said she received numerous calls from Mossman residents opposed to the trail proposal. She commended Karl Lohmann and the YCC for the work they have done with local trail projects; however she understands the concerns raised by the Mossman residents and therefore, supports rejecting the trail easement at this time.

Mayor McKinney also commended Mr. Lohmann and the YCC for their work, especially their work to construct the Gallup Bike Park which was transformed from an area where inebriates used to congregate. By getting out into the community to build trails and transforming such areas is a way of "taking back the community."

Deanna Crask Stone addressed the Mayor and Councilors and spoke against the proposed trail easement. She expressed her concerns with potential safety risks with an increased amount of people coming into the neighborhood which may lead to more property break-ins and thefts.

Following discussion, Councilor Kumar made the motion to reject the Grant of Easement from Gallup Holding and Investments, Inc. to the City of Gallup for the construction of a walking and biking trail. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Cecil Garcia, Landavazo, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

1. Request for Street Closures for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Route 66 Car, Truck and Street Rod Show to be Held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 – Steve Gurley, Gurley Motor Company

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Mr. Gurley presented the request to close Coal Avenue from Sixth Street to Eighth Street and Seventh Street from Highway 66 to Aztec Avenue for the event.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the request for street closure for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Route 66 Car, Truck and Street Rod Show to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, Linda Garcia, Kumar, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

2. Request for Lodgers' Tax Funds for the Red Rock Balloon Rally Association – Peter Procopio, Red Rock Balloon Rally Association (RRBRA)

Mr. Procopio presented the request for lodgers' tax funds from the current fiscal year in the amount of \$18,000 to be used to replace the hot air balloon fabric and art work on "Koshare Gallup." The hot air balloons serve as flying billboards and are used to promote Gallup at events throughout the four corners area. Mr. Procopio answered questions posed by Councilor Landavazo regarding the number of times the balloon is flown during the year to promote Gallup, participation at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, and the credits and charges on the invoice for the materials and the work to be done on the balloon.

Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer, said there are sufficient funds available for the request which will be used for promotional services. In order to comply with the requirements for lodgers' tax funding, Mr. Kozeliski recommended entering into a letter of agreement with the RRBRA requiring them to use the balloon to promote Gallup for the life of the balloon envelope.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the request for lodgers' tax funds for the Red Rock Balloon Rally Association to be used for promotional services. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Linda Garcia, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye. Councilor Kumar abstained. Motion carried.

3. Approval of McKinley County Metropolitan Dispatch Authority Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – Sharolyn Shetima, Administration Operations Manager/Interim Director, McKinley County Metropolitan Dispatch Authority

Bruce Swingle, County Manager, said the proposed budget has already been approved by the Metro Dispatch Authority Board and the McKinley County Board of Commissioners. Sara Keeler, County Finance Director, provided an overview of the

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proposed budget. For FY 2015, the proposed expenditures exceed revenues resulting in a fund total for Metro Dispatch of (\$382,386) which will require the use of carryover cash. The County estimates the Metro Dispatch Fund to be at approximately \$800,000 at the end of the year, leaving approximately \$400,000 for a three month reserve for operations and utilizing the remaining \$400,000 in the proposed budget. Under capital outlay, \$360,320 is budgeted for a full backup dispatch system and \$120,000 for security improvements at the Metro Dispatch parking lot.

Discussion followed concerning the proposed improvements that are budgeted for the parking lot, cash reserve requirements for Metro Dispatch, splitting the ending balance from the communications tax between the City and the County once Metro Dispatch and Fire/EMS Services are funded, and the membership of the Metro Dispatch Authority Board.

Following discussion, Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the McKinley County Metropolitan Dispatch Authority Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Linda Garcia, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney voted aye.

4. Appointment of Richard Matzke to the New Mexico Municipal Energy Acquisition Authority Board of Directors – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mr. Kozeliski provided an overview of the New Mexico Municipal Energy Acquisition Authority in which the City of Gallup is a member of. Mayor McKinney recommended the appointment of Mr. Matzke to the Board of Directors.

Councilor Linda Garcia made the motion to appoint Richard Matzke to the New Mexico Municipal Energy Acquisition Authority Board of Directors. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Linda Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

5. Appointments of Barbara Stanley and Tom Hartsock to the Octavia Fellin Public Library Advisory Board and the Re-Appointments of Carol Sarath, Rhonda Gishi-Chicharello and Arlene High to the Octavia Fellin Public Library Advisory Board – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mayor McKinney recommended the appointments of Ms. Stanley and Mr. Hartsock to fill the existing vacancies on the Board. He also recommended the re-appointments of Ms. Sarath, Ms. Gishi-Chicharello and Ms. High to Board since their terms expired last month.

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Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the appointments of Barbara Stanley and Tom Hartsock to the Octavia Fellin Public Library Advisory Board and the Re-Appointments of Carol Sarath, Rhonda Gishi-Chicharello and Arlene High to the Octavia Fellin Public Library Advisory Board. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, Kumar, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

6. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Gallup Firefighters' Union Local 4296 – Klo Abeita, Human Resources Director and Chief Eric Babcock, Gallup Fire Department

Ms. Abeita provided an overview of the contract negotiations with the Firefighters' Union since August 2012. The proposed contract has no fiscal impact to the City since the contract does not provide automatic pay increases for the firefighters; however, if the City approves any across the board increase for any other group of City employees during the term of the contract, the firefighters shall receive the same pay increase. The proposed contract also allows the current Battalion Chiefs to be grandfathered into the bargaining unit; however, the Battalion Chief's positions would be removed from the bargaining unit once the current employees in those positions are replaced through attrition. The proposed contract does not have a residency requirement for firefighters and the language was improved in the management rights and grievance process sections of the contract.

Chief Babcock said there are matters that can be dealt with at lower levels through standard operating procedures rather than through a contract. Ms. Abeita and Chief Babcock answered questions posed by the Councilors regarding the current residency of firefighters and their response to general alarms, authorized personnel with a take-home vehicle, and the removal of language in the contract prohibiting firefighters from performing certain maintenance tasks, such as, snow removal or weed removal.

Following discussion, Councilor Cecil Garcia made the motion to approve the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Gallup Firefighters' Union Local 4296. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Cecil Garcia, Linda Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

7. Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Civil Air Patrol by the New Mexico Wing and the City of Gallup – George Kozeliski, City Attorney/Acting City Manager

Mr. Kozeliski provided a summary of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to return to the Gallup Municipal Airport after a four year

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absence. Under the proposed MOA, the City will provide a classroom/brief room to the CAP at no rental charge and the CAP will be responsible for any utility charges.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Civil Air Patrol by the New Mexico Wing and the City of Gallup. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

8. Contractual Services Agreement with the Gallup-McKinley Chamber of Commerce for Advertising and Promoting Tourist Related Attractions, Facilities and Events – George Kozeliski, City Attorney/Acting City Manager

Mr. Kozeliski said the proposed agreement provides language for the minimum use of \$100,000 of the \$145,000 in lodgers' tax funds allocated to the Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promotional services and to use the remaining balance for maintaining a visitors' information center or for additional advertising.

David Hinkle, President/CEO of the Gallup-McKinley Chamber of Commerce, provided a summary of the advertising and promotional services to be provided by the Chamber of Commerce this coming fiscal year.

Discussion followed concerning the use of billboards and other resources for advertising and promotional services, participation in promotional programs with the New Mexico Department of Tourism including the New Mexico True Campaign and the use of data driven research to analyze the City's return on investment to advertise and promote Gallup.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the Contractual Services Agreement with the Gallup-McKinley Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promoting tourist related attractions, facilities and events. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye. Councilor Kumar abstained. Motion carried.

9. Resolution No. R2014-20; Donation of Property to the State of New Mexico for a Veterans' Cemetery – George Kozeliski, City Attorney/Acting City Manager

Mr. Kozeliski said Gallup was selected as one of the four sites in the state for the establishment of a State Veterans' Cemetery. He recommended approval of the proposed Resolution which also includes the adoption of the Real Property Donation

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Agreement with the State of New Mexico to transfer a portion of Hillcrest Cemetery to the State for the Veterans' Cemetery.

Councilor Linda Garcia made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-20. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Linda Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

10. Resolution No. R2014-17; Second Amendment to Water Project Fund Grant Agreement 111-WTB with the New Mexico Water Trust Board and the New Mexico Finance Authority – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director/Acting Director, Gallup Water and Sanitation Department

Mr. Henderson said the proposed Resolution provides a time extension of the Water Project Fund Grant Agreement 111-WTB from March 5, 2014 to September 5, 2014. The New Mexico Water Trust Board has already granted approval of the time extension.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-17. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, Kumar, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney voted aye.

11. Pre-Payment and Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director/Acting Director, Gallup Water and Sanitation Department

Mr. Henderson said the proposed agreement establishes the process by which the City will follow in regard to prepaying its portion of the allocated construction costs associated with the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. The agreement also includes the roles and responsibilities of the Bureau of Reclamation and the City in implementing the prepayment process including the application of any credit toward the City's repayment obligation for the project. Mr. Henderson provided an overview of the processes within the agreement.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the Pre-Payment and Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Linda Garcia, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

12. Resolution No. R2014-18; Water Trust Board #283 Loan Repayment Certification – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director/Acting Director, Gallup Water and Sanitation Department

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Mr. Henderson said on March 12, 2014, the New Mexico Water Trust Board approved a time extension for the City to submit certain "Readiness To Proceed" ("RTP") items that are required in order to finalize the conditional funding for WTB-283. The Water Trust Board approved an extended deadline of September 30, 2014 to submit outstanding RTP items. One of the required RTP items is the verification of the loan repayment. The proposed Resolution will fulfill the RTP requirement.

Councilor Linda Garcia made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-18. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Linda Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

13. Long Term Point-to-Point Transmission Agreement with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. – Richard Matzke, Director, Gallup Electric Department

Mayor McKinney advised that Item #13 will be removed from the agenda.

14. Amendment to the Agreement with Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Richard Matzke, Director, Gallup Electric Department

Mr. Matzke provided an update on the Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement (NITSA) and Network Operating Agreement (NOA) with Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) which were approved by the Mayor and Councilors at the last regular meeting. Both agreements were approved by PNM yesterday with the following amendment: in accordance with a request from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., PNM agreed to add the Ambrosia 230 kV substation and the Bluewater 115 kV substation as additional points of receipt.

Mr. Matzke said the purpose of the First Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement Between Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CDEC) and the City of Gallup is to recognize that the City may utilize point-to-point transmission service for the substations that are connected directly to Tri-State transmission lines. The original agreement called for network transmission service from Tri-State which is available but at higher price. There were also revisions made to Exhibit A of the Power Agreement concerning the list of the City's metering points prior to and after the City's purchase of assets at the City's metering points. The revisions to Exhibit A also include the additional points of receipt as previously described. CDEC will consider the First Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement at their meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Discussion followed concerning additional delivery points in the agreement, including a



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delivery point from the Prewitt Escalante Generating Station (PEGS), capacity retention by Tri State on Path 48 at the San Juan Generating Station and the easement issues at the old Ft. Wingate properties.

Following discussion, Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the First Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement Between Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CDEC) and the City of Gallup. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

15. **Public Hearing:** Discussion and Consideration of a Proclamation Declaring Extreme or Severe Drought Conditions Within the City of Gallup and Banning Certain Fireworks Beginning June 11, 2014 for 30 Days – George Kozeliski, City Attorney/Acting City Manager

Mr. Kozeliski said State law provides local jurisdictions with the ability to impose restrictions on the use of fireworks and to ban certain types of fireworks during times of extreme and severe drought. In order to do so, the law specifies that the local authority must hold a public hearing and issue a proclamation to ban the use of fireworks 20 days prior to a holiday for which fireworks may be sold. If proclamation is approved, Mr. Kozeliski recommended waiving the permit fee for discharging fireworks since the larger scale fireworks will not be permitted.

Jesus Morales, Fire Marshal, provided testimony regarding the extreme drought conditions that exist in Gallup, which is based on information from the National Weather Service and the United States Forest Service. Fire Marshal Morales said the Fire Department is not “anti-fireworks”; however, they are concerned about the hazards that exist and they are attempting to keep the community safe. He recommended approval of the proclamation.

Councilor Cecil Garcia asked if the County passed a similar proclamation. Fire Marshal Morales responded yes. Mr. Kozeliski said there are only certain types of fireworks that can be banned under the proposed proclamation. Councilor Cecil Garcia asked about the inspection of fireworks vendors. Fire Marshal provided an overview of the permitting process for fireworks vendors which require a full inspection of the vendor’s facility.

Councilor Kumar asked about the canon type fireworks that would still be allowed under the proclamation. Fire Marshal Morales said the aerial shells as well as a list of other fireworks would be permissible under the proclamation.

Councilor Landavazo asked what would happen under the proclamation if the weather

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conditions were to improve with monsoonal rains. Mr. Kozeliski said the Mayor and Councilors may issue a subsequent proclamation to allow the use of all permissible fireworks.

Councilor Kumar asked if the vendors purchase and stock rocket-type fireworks even though drought conditions exists. Fire Marshal Morales said the vendors may purchase the rocket-type fireworks in case the weather conditions improve; however, the vendors are not allowed to store rocket-type fireworks at their place of business.

Mayor McKinney said the City needs to consider the public health and safety issues as they do not want to see a tragedy with a loss of homes due to fire under the current drought conditions.

Councilor Cecil Garcia asked if a \$250.00 fine could still be imposed for discharging illegal fireworks. Fire Marshal Morales responded yes; however, fire officials must see the offenders igniting the illegal fireworks or witness the offenders with the illegal fireworks in their possession, which is very difficult to enforce. Since there are aerial shells that are permitted while the proposed restrictions are in place, Fire Marshal Morales said it will be very difficult to distinguish the permissible aerial shells from the restricted stick-type rockets.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the Proclamation Declaring Extreme or Severe Drought Conditions Within the City of Gallup and Banning Certain Fireworks Beginning June 11, 2014 for 30 Days. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Linda Garcia, Kumar, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

16. Resolution No. R2014-19; Joint Resolution with McKinley County Directing the Allocation and Distribution of the Fiscal Year 2015 Projected Liquor Excise Tax Revenue – George Kozeliski, City Attorney/Acting City Manager

Mr. Kozeliski said the proposed Joint Resolution would provide the allocation of liquor excise tax funds as follows: \$220,000.00 of FY 2015 liquor excise tax projected revenue (this amount representing 10% of the liquor excise tax coming from County and 10% coming from the City) will be allocated to the Navajo Nation Behavioral Health for the operation of the Gallup Detox Center; \$320,000.00 of FY 2015 liquor excise tax projected revenue will be allocated to the City of Gallup; \$300,000.00 of FY 2015 liquor excise tax projected revenue will be allocated to McKinley County to be sub-allocated: \$200,000.00 for the JSACC program(s); and, \$100,000.00 for the County DWI program(s). The remaining projected revenue of \$260,000.00 of FY 2015 liquor excise

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tax revenue shall be reserved for future discussion on distribution and allocation; said future discussion to be by the JPA Revenue Receipt and Allocation Task Force; and, unless a need arises earlier, the meeting should take place early in 2015, around February and March to consider an allocation so that the Liquor Excise Tax Committee can issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for treatment, community education and prevention of substance abuse services.

Councilor Cecil Garcia made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2014-19. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Cecil Garcia, Landavazo, Kumar, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

17. Request for a Hearing by Rudy Salazar, Property Owner, 1704 Mesquite Drive, Concerning the Notice of Nuisance Abatement Issued on January 27, 2014 – Toby Tafoya, Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Salazar asked for a time extension to address the condition on his property. His family has had medical problems and has been traveling back and forth to Phoenix which has prevented him from addressing the problem. He thought he had made arrangements with City officials; however, he did not obtain the arrangement in writing. He attempted to meet with C.B. Strain, City Planner, but Mr. Strain was out of the office during the week Mr. Salazar was in town. When Mr. Salazar returned to Phoenix, he received a phone call from his neighbor advising him of a notice that was posted on his door. Mr. Salazar said he finally contacted Mr. Strain at the end of the month and the only option that was provided to him was to request a hearing; however, Mr. Salazar did not see a reason for the hearing since he thought a decision could be made to grant him an extension. Mr. Salazar said he is scheduled for therapy three times a week until the end of June and was supposed to be in therapy today. Mr. Salazar said he could probably get the property cleaned in July; maybe August since his wife needs to have knee surgery due to a car accident.

Mr. Tafoya said the first notice of the violation was sent to Mr. Salazar on August 13, 2013, the second notice was sent to Mr. Salazar on October 16, 2013, and the final notice was issued on January 16, 2014; however, there was an error on the final notice with the incorrect sections of the City Code being cited on the notice. A corrected final notice was reissued on January 27, 2014.

Mr. Kozeliski said Mr. Salazar requested a hearing on February 1, 2014 with the hearing being scheduled for March 11, 2014, which was postponed. The hearing was rescheduled for April 8, 2014 and was also postponed. The hearing was rescheduled for May 27, 2014 in which City staff was instructed to reschedule the hearing for the current meeting and not to vacate the hearing on their own.

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Councilor Cecil Garcia recommended granting a one month's time extension to Mr. Salazar to clean his property. Councilor Cecil Garcia expressed concerns with the hazards that exist on the property as the neighborhood should not have to tolerate such conditions. Mr. Salazar asked for the month of July to address the problems on his property.

Councilor Cecil Garcia made the motion to grant Mr. Salazar the month of July to clean his property. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Cecil Garcia, Kumar, Linda Garcia, Landavazo, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

### **Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

### **Comments by Mayor and City Councilors**

Councilor Kumar thanked the Mayor and Councilors for considering the issue at hand with the Mossman neighborhood. He is aware of the work Karl Lohman and the YCC does to clear the problem areas of the community and feels that the trail easement may be considered by the Council in the future. Councilor Kumar also advised that the Letter of Intent concerning Rehoboth-McKinley Christian Hospital was signed.

Councilor Landavazo encouraged everyone to buy, believe and build Gallup.

Councilor Cecil Garcia asked Mr. Tafoya if anything has been done about the code violations at a property on Ford Drive between Mesa Avenue and Hill Avenue. Councilor Cecil Garcia said he has been asking about the property during the past three years. He also said there are problems with excessive weeds at a property where a trailer business was previously located by Lotaburger on the end of town.

Mayor McKinney said the members of the Council and City staff has been actively interviewing applicants for the City Manager's position. If the Council is agreeable on a certain applicant, Mayor McKinney said they will proceed with negotiating with the successful candidate for the position.

### **Comments from City Manager**

Mr. Kozeliski said the City received \$40,000 for the design of a new skate park; however, the funds will not be available until July 1, 2014. An RFP for the design of the proposed park will be advertised by the end of June 2014. Bids were advertised for the construction of the El Morro Theater addition last week. Plans for the Harold Runnels recreational facility will be finalized soon as bids for the project will be advertised by June 20, 2014. The renovations at the Harold Runnels facility are anticipated to be completed by mid-November 2014. The architects have indicated that the steam room

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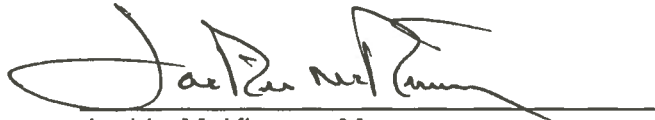
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at the Harold Runnels facility is a large problem, very expensive to replace and will not go well with an athletic facility. The plans include the installation of a rubberized floor in which tables and chairs can be placed on.

Mayor McKinney asked Vince Alonzo, Parks and Recreation Director, if any headway is being made on the ground cover on some of the islands. Mr. Alonzo responded no, which is based on previous discussions on the matter as the issue will not be addressed until after the new fiscal year between the months of August and September. Mr. Alonzo said the planting of about 250 shrubs are planned for the islands; however, the project will not commence until after their peak season slows down.

There being no further business, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Linda Garcia, Cecil Garcia, Kumar, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

  
Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk

Approved 6/24/2014